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**Programs  
Spring  
2022**



The MK Nature Center is a 4.6 acre wildlife habitat with waterfalls, streams, ponds, fish viewing windows, gardens, and a visitor's center.

## **COVID-19 Precautions and Modifications**

As of 3-1-22, COVID precautions and modification to programs are:

1. Up to 30 people can be in the auditorium for a program introduction at one time.
2. Masks in the auditorium are optional.
3. Groups will be guided outside in small groups with tour guide.
4. Activities, games, or crafts may be done together at the Nature Center or sent home.

## **Streamwalk Program-Tour the Nature Center**

This is the most popular Nature Center program-- the perfect introduction to HABITAT, ADAPTATIONS, NICHE, FOOD WEBS, and LIFE CYCLES focusing on animals of Idaho. With the use of pelts, skulls, and animal mounts, a wildlife educator gives students an introductory lesson. Outside, students look underwater and through the forest to learn about wildlife habitat in Idaho.

**PreK-Adult. 1.5 hours. \$2.00/student. \$2.00/parent. Teachers free.**



## Wildlife Scientist

What is a Wildlife Biologist? Learn about different kinds of scientists, what they do, and how they do it. Become a scientist and use the scientific method to answer a question.

**Prek-6<sup>th</sup> grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.50/student. Parents \$2.50. Teachers free.**

## Anadro-WHAT?

This in-depth program covers the life cycle of anadromous fishes and discusses the causes of the decline of these amazing fish. A great lesson on aquatic ecology and life cycles.

**Prek-12<sup>th</sup> grades. ½ hour. \$2.50/person.**

## Scat and Tracks

Become a wildlife detective! Learn how to identify wildlife by what they leave behind: tracks, scat, and much more! Test your tracking skills on a wildlife walk through the Nature Center. **K-4<sup>th</sup> grade. 1.5 hours. ½ hour. Take home a plaster track! \$2.50/person.**

## Beaver Chew

Look for evidence of beaver activity at the Nature Center. Learn about beaver adaptations and why they are important to aquatic systems. **PreK-6<sup>th</sup> grade. ¾ hour. \$2.50/person.**

## Adaptation Artistry

Learn about local animals and all the amazing features they have to survive. Find animals at the Nature Center and discover what adaptations they have. Artistically create your own animal with its own set of adaptations to survive in its unique habitat. **K-6<sup>th</sup> grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.50/person.**

## Falcons of Idaho

There are five falcons in Idaho. Find out who they are and how they live. Have a chance to meet a Peregrine Falcon!

**Pre-K-6<sup>th</sup> grade. ½ hour. \$2.50/person.**

## Birds of Riparian Areas

Go Birding! Learn about the common birds at the Nature Center and along the Boise River.

**All ages. 1.5 hours. \$2.50/student. Parents \$2.50. Teachers free.**

## Hoo lives in Idaho?

Owls are amazing hunters. Some owls call the Nature Center their home! Take a look at owl skulls, wings, and feet, and learn about how owls are adapted to hunt at night. Dissect owl pellets to see exactly what they ate. **Prek-8<sup>th</sup> grade. ¾ hour. \$2.50/person.**

## Canines of Idaho

Are you a dog lover? You might enjoy learning about Idaho's wild canines. This program helps students know the similarities and differences among wolves, coyotes, and fox. Get up close and personal with fur, skulls, and tracks of these predators. **Prek-6<sup>th</sup> grade. 1/2 hour. \$2.50/person.**

## “Dinosaur” Fish of Idaho

Discover the secrets of the deep by diving into the life of a White Sturgeon. These ancient creatures swam the waters during the time of the dinosaurs, and still swim in our waters today! See live White Sturgeon in the pond and learn how they have lived on the earth for so long. **Prek-6<sup>th</sup> grad. ¾ hours. \$2.50/person.**

## Bears of Idaho

Meet the black bear and the grizzly bear, two of Idaho's residents. How are they different and how are they the same? Learn how bears live their amazing lives in Idaho.

**Prek-6<sup>th</sup> grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.50/student. Parents \$2.50. Teachers free.**

## Online Programs

Virtual programs are offered at similar prices as in-person programs. Presentations online are 30 minutes-1 hour in length. E-mail [sara.focht@idfg.idaho.gov](mailto:sara.focht@idfg.idaho.gov) for details.

## Additional Programs

More programs may become available through the season. Just ask!



## Program Details

- Programs are offered Tuesday-Friday 9:30 am-5:00 pm.
- Groups under 10 will be charged for 10 people.
- Group size maximum 30 people. If groups are over 30, introduction times can be booked adjacent to each other.
- Groups are booked on a first come first served basis.
- We accept checks, debit, and cash, but not credit cards. Invoices can be arranged.

## Self-guided Visits

Classes may explore the Nature Center on their own. Groups of 10 or more must schedule their self-guided visit to ensure a high quality experience for everyone and help us track our visitation. FREE! Donations accepted.

## Scavenger Hunts

Groups wishing to focus their students' experience at the Nature Center can print grade-level scavenger hunts from our [website](#), or we can print them for you for \$.50/copy.

## Recorded Programs Online

Four of our most popular programs have been converted to movie files for your enjoyment. These presentations are designed for elementary-aged students. <https://idfg.idaho.gov/blog/2020/04/four-mknc-lessons-available-online>

## Educational Fishing Permit

Fill out the application for an Educational Fishing Permit. Once approved, you will receive a permit that allows everyone at your event to fish without a fishing license during the scheduled event times. Be sure to allow two to three weeks for the permit to be approved and the educational license to be sent to you before your scheduled event. <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/licenses/fishEducational.pdf>

For more information on Educational Fishing Permits, contact:

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